



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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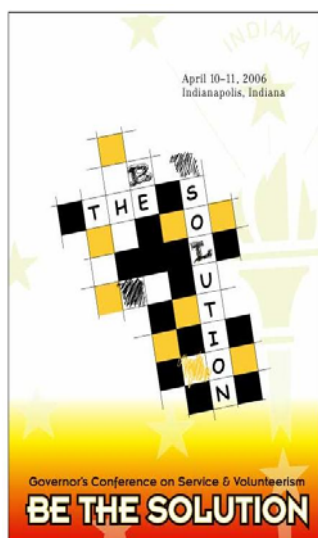
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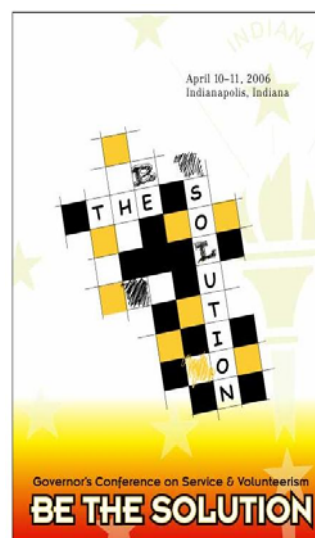
**Welcome to Friday Night Facts!** Yes we are all very busy preparing for the Governor's Conference and are getting more excited with each registration. All workshops have been finalized and speakers confirmed. There is no doubt that this will be an exciting and informative conference. We look forward to seeing you there!

Earlier this week I attended the Pandemic Influenza State Summit hosted by Governor Daniels at Purdue University. One word was stated and restated that we will echo in upcoming issues and that is **"prepare"**! It is very important that each of us prepare for what none of us want. A pandemic flu will not just affect your neighbor or co-worker; it will affect you and your family in one way or another. It is not too soon to start thinking about how you will respond to a pandemic and how you will survive. Watch this newsletter for helpful hints, checklists, data, and tools to help you, your family, and your organization prepare for a pandemic flu.

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There are only **17** more days until the **2006 Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism**. This two day conference will offer 89 workshops and 110 speakers. But, more importantly, it offers the opportunity to network with non-profit leaders and volunteers from around the state. This is a conference that everyone in the non-profit community should want to attend. The registration fee is \$125.00 until April 7th (extended date). The late and walk-in registration fee will be \$175.00. You may register online at [www.ofbci.in.gov](http://www.ofbci.in.gov) or call John Rentsch at 317-234-4032.



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### IU Anesthesia Department Clinical Research Cope by Faith Project

Dr. Natalie Hamrick of the IU Medical School Anesthesia Department is getting ready to start two studies that deal with quality of life and faith/spirituality interventions for women with cancer. This study is designed to help women, of all races/ethnicities, with metastatic ovarian or endometrial cancer to use religious and spiritual strategies to help them: face their mortality, answer "why me", realize human limitations and rely on a higher power, find meaning in the illness and return to "normal." The main focus really lies in enhancing their alliance with, reliance upon, and feelings of connectedness to a higher power. If you are interested in this clinical study, please contact Jessica Meyers at [jlmeyers@iupui.edu](mailto:jlmeyers@iupui.edu) or Dr. Hamrick at [nhamrick@iupui.edu](mailto:nhamrick@iupui.edu) or by phone, 317-274-0278. Participants will be compensated based on the extent of their participation.

## INTERESTED IN INTERNING?

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives of the Corporation for National and Community Service is currently seeking interns for the Summer 2006 and Fall 2006 Terms in its Washington, DC Headquarters.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through three programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Together with the USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility in America. For more information, visit [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)

With more Americans volunteering through religious organizations than through any other type of organization, the Corporation for National and Community Service's Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI) is an integral part of our efforts to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to give back to their communities. FBCI helps connect faith-based and other community groups to the Corporation, ensuring that these groups have the capacity, tools, and volunteer power they need to help America's communities flourish.

The Corporation is committed to President Bush's call to strengthen the work of faith-based and other community organizations, which provide compassionate care to millions of Americans.

Interested internship candidates should submit a resume, list of three (3) references and responses to the following questions in 500 words or less: (1) What do you consider your most significant contribution to your community (example: hometown, college campus, etc)? Why? (2) Why would you be a good representative of the Corporation for National and Community Service?

All materials should be submitted electronically via email to [fbcf@cns.gov](mailto:fbcf@cns.gov). Applications for the Summer 2006 term are due by **March 31, 2006**. Applications for the Fall 2006 term are due by **June 23, 2006**.



## Food Stamp Program Outreach Tool Kits

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recently released two Food Stamp Program Outreach Tool Kits. One tool kit is for the State and Local food Stamp Offices, and the other tool kit is for partners such as faith-based and community organizations. The tool kits are now available for viewing and download on the FNS web site at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/tool-kits.htm#State>

These tool kits are handy all-in-one packets of ideas, templates, and resources for conducting effective food stamp outreach. Outreach providers can select, customize, and print materials to help them conduct successful outreach campaigns. The tool kits also contain a DVD/video entitled "Community Hunger Champions: Helping People Eat Right When Money's Tight." This video is not on the web site yet but it will be added as soon as possible. Both tool kits also include electronic templates and resource materials. Those files also are not on the web sit yet but will also be added as soon as possible. The tool kit for partners contains a "How To" media outreach section. Since State agencies have Public Affairs Offices that handle media, that section is not included in the tool kit for State and local agencies.

Unfortunately hard copies of the tool kits can't be ordered at this time. FNS is working on having printed copies made but it will be a few more months before they are available. Each hard copy of the tool kits will contain a DVD of the Hunger Champions video and CDs with electronic templates and files. In the meantime, please download the tool kits from the web site.

## Black Marriage Day



The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives along with the Indiana Department of Child Services and the Indiana Healthy Marriage and Family Coalition is encouraging all churches and community based organizations to declare Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Black Marriage Day and to celebrate Black Marriage Day on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (due to Easter).

Black Marriage Day is part of an effort to recognize the importance of marriage and to restore and strengthen the institution of marriage in the African American community. Research has demonstrated that children raised in two parent married families, on average, fare better on a number of important life indicators than those raised in single parent families. This includes life indicators such as better physical and emotional health; greater academic success; fewer behavioral problems in school; less alcohol and drug abuse; and less chance of being raised in poverty.

If you would like more information or suggested activities to celebrate this day, please visit their website at <http://www.blackmarriageday.com/>

## NEW PARTNERS INITIATIVE OUTREACH WORKSHOP

The Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator is continuing its series of outreach workshops, as part of the New Partners Initiative (NPI). The workshops are intended to reach out to organizations with the capability to provide essential HIV/AIDS services internationally but which lack experience in working with the U.S. Government. Community and faith-based organizations, in particular, represent vital but underutilized resources in the fight against Global AIDS. Through the NPI, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR/ Emergency Plan) will provide \$200 million over four years for grants to new partners to provide HIV/AIDS prevention and care services in the fifteen Emergency Plan focus countries. The next Outreach Conference will be held in Los Angeles, California, on April 5, 2006. The sessions will provide an overview of the HIV/AIDS response in the fifteen focus countries along with information on how to apply for USG HIV/AIDS grants. The Outreach Conferences are free and open to all organizations eligible to apply for funding under the NIP. For the latest announcements on the New Partners Initiative Outreach Workshops, please visit their website at <http://www.pepfarnpi.com> For information on the conference, please contact Mr. Rami Koskinen, 1-866-561-4910, email: [info@pepfarnpi.com](mailto:info@pepfarnpi.com)

